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FACT SHEET

Tuesday morning, May 16--University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus

Protest group of about 100 occupied Johnston Hall at 2 p.m. Monday, saying they intended no damage nor violence but would stay until demands are met. Administration told employees in building to leave and most were gone by 3 p.m.

At 4 p.m., U Safety Director Wesley Pomeroy told protest group Johnston would be closed at 4:30 and anyone remaining in building after that would be considered in violation of law. Protest group left peacefully at 4:20.

Earlier, protest group rallied at Coffman, then marched to Morrill to present list of demands to President Moos. Their demands, and Moos' response:

1. Remove ROTC from campus. Moos: Current role of ROTC at U was established after intensive study from 1969-71, recommendation of study committee and U Senate, and approval by Regents.
2. Stop war-related research. Moos: Meaning of "war-related" is difficult to establish. Most grant awards and contracts come from HEW and NSF. As to secret research, policy prohibiting it was adopted last October and is being enforced.
3. Dispose of Honeywell stock. Moos: University owns no Honeywell stock.
4. No reprisals against demonstrators. Moos: I believe in the philosophy of the late Martin Luther King, who said those who are driven by moral conscience to take actions leading to civil disobedience must be prepared to bear the consequences.
5. Shut down the University to permit students to work against the war. Moos: By action of the Campus Assembly, students already have option of withdrawing from classes by reason of their concern in the current national crisis. University must remain open.

Declaring dissatisfaction with the response, protesters then marched on Johnston Hall.

In afternoon news conference, President Moos stated that of 33 persons arrested on campus last week, 13 were U students. He said there was no way to keep non-students off the campus "short of building a wall around it."

Delegation of 13, including faculty, students and staff, departed for Washington, D.C., Monday night to meet with Congressional delegation today.

Committee for Open and Peaceful Education (COPE) met Monday afternoon to review results of first day's efforts to keep U open and peaceful, adopted two new courses of action. 1. Contact U delegation in Washington today and ask them to request that Congressmen come here and hold a hearing on the Vietnam war. 2. Suggest to deans of various units that they adopt policy similar to that being considered by CLA, which permits student to either withdraw from class anytime before end of quarter, or arrange to take incomplete and make up work later.

Constituent Assembly, which has set up strike headquarters in 204 Coffman, scheduled meeting at 9 a.m. this morning in Coffman.
